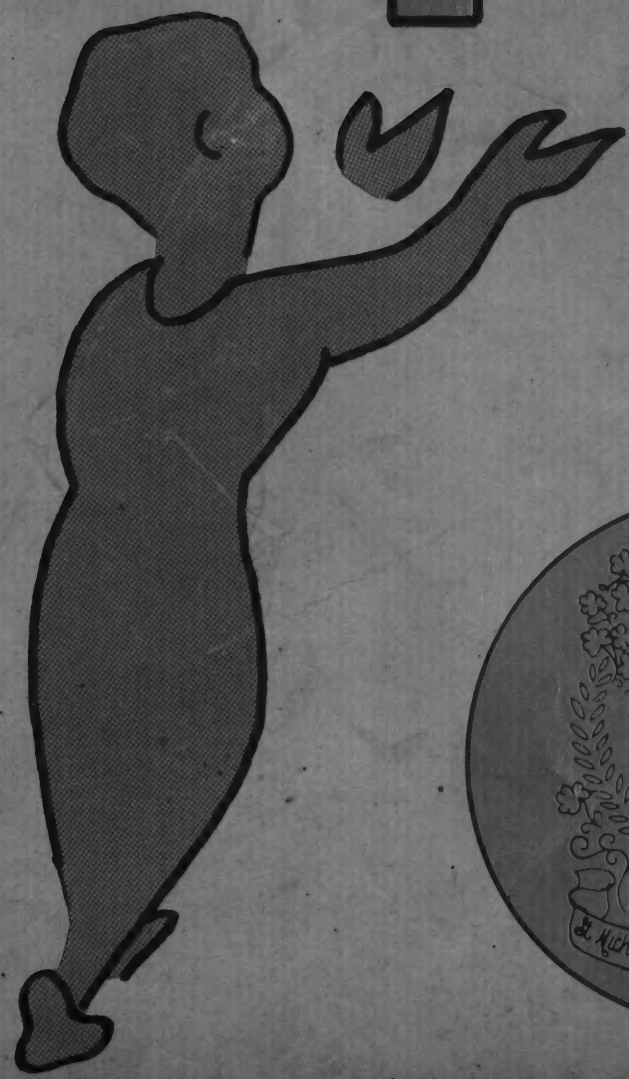


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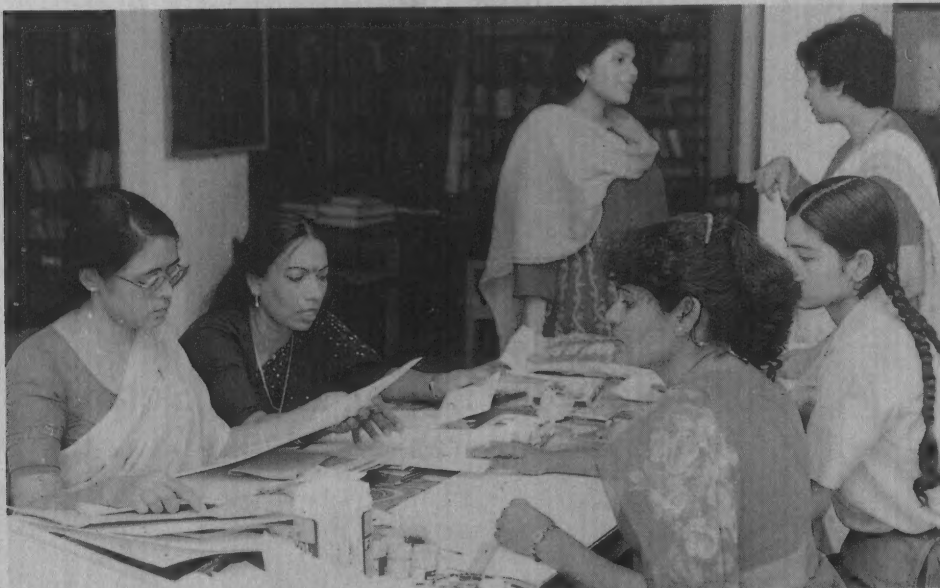
EDITORIAL

Being part of a warm, loving family is one of life's greatest joys. But such happiness rarely comes easily. Creating and maintaining close family ties requires hard work. Indeed, given the pressures of modern life, the effort required these days is much greater than ever before.

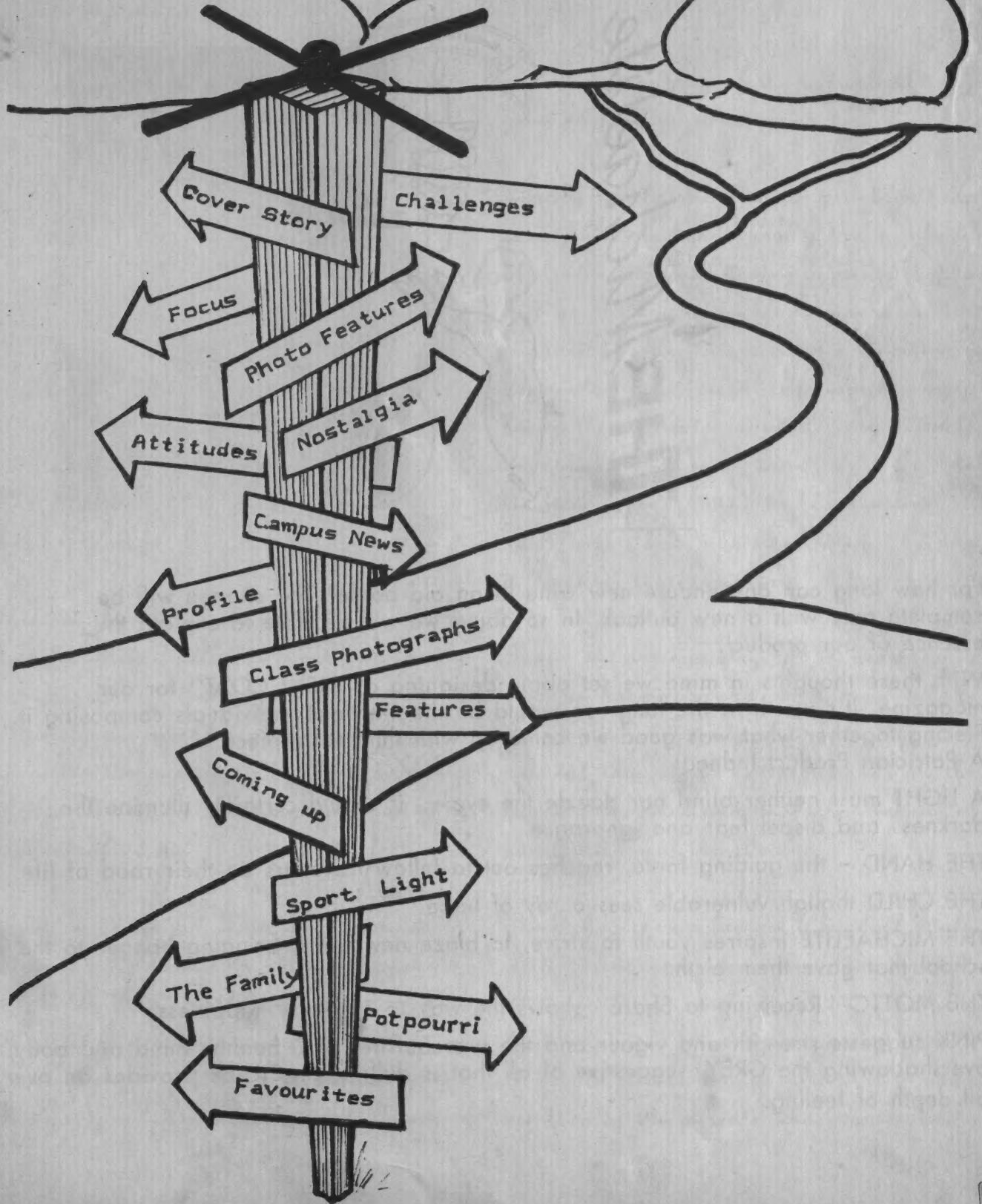
Still, all of us know of strong families – families that both enjoy themselves and face crisis with courage. What is their secret? It's simple – they never lose sight of the crucial fact that they must place the family above everything else. They also take time to nourish their relationship with care and understanding.

We the Michaelites dedicate this magazine to "The Family" and hope it will help everyone forge the family of (every)one's dream.

Dedicated to the family who helped to make every today into a memorable yesterday and a hopeful tomorrow.



INFO-DESK



COVER STORY



For how long can one endure new wine in an old bottle? The change will be complete only with a new outlook. In so doing we will be able to explain the essence of our product.

With these thoughts in mind we set about designing a "NEW COAT" for our magazine. It's worth in the long run would be the worth of individuals composing it. Piecing together what was good we came up with this masterpiece.

A Patrician Product Indeed!

A LIGHT must neither blind nor dazzle the eye – it should certainly illumine the darkness and dispel fear and ignorance.

THE HAND – the guiding force, reaches out to fellow travellers on their road of life.

THE CHILD though vulnerable sees a ray of hope.

THE MICHAELITE inspires youth to strive, to blaze new trails, bringing honour to the school that gave them birth.

THE MOTTO "Receiving to Share" shows the way to Supreme happiness.

PINK suggests strength and vigour and the prerequisites of a healthy mind and body, overshadowing the GREY, suggestive of all that is dull; while SILVER provides an over all depth of feeling.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Good Evening,

This is the International Year of the Family. May I call this function a family get-together. Yes. There is a saying "Rarely do members of one family grow up under the same roof". Some members of St. Michael's Family make us only occasional visits.

Now, we have on visit the Minister of State for Welfare, Mr. K.V. Thangabalu, Dr. A.N. Rao, another prominent citizen, Mrs. Chitra Visweswaran, an artist of great merit and Honourable Justice Rangarajan, Hyderabad High Court, a

parent and patron of the school. A very good evening to all of you.

Family meals and family get-togethers strengthen the bonds among the members. The gathering this evening is meant just to do that. With all your kind support and the support of Mr. Singaravel's Family in particular, we devised ways and means to bring the students from all city schools together unto one place twice in the Academic year 1993 - '94, to reaffirm in our faith that whatever may be the differences that are there.

India is our Country. It is possible to live in harmony and we belong to the International Family of Brother-hood, a concept that shall be established in the hearts and minds and in the bodies too, of every citizen of the World.

The School has a fantastic band of Staff, with vision and dynamism. And equally enthusiastic parents who lend a helping hand whenever an occasion presents itself. It would not be inappropriate if I make mention of the parents whose outstanding

contribution, that have been a source of inspiration to many. Mr. Gabriel Francis extended his unstinted co-operation once again, under the banner of Maveeran MuThamizh Mantram. Mrs. Narayanan meticulously planned and conducted an Inter-school Speech Contest for City School children under the banner of St. Patrick's Literary Association.

The Patrician Community is ever grateful for the help and guidance it has received from P.T.A., its Advisory and Executive Committees. The P.T.A. Vice-President Dr. Subramaniam deserves our applause.

St. Michael's Academy in keeping with its commitment to provide comprehensive educational facilities set up a Learning Centre in Sept. 1993, to help students overcome specific learning difficulties. The Centre has a professionally trained staff member to help the students.

In the last two Academic Years I was ably assisted by the four Co-Ordinators.

Mrs. Vasumathi Sundaram, Mrs. Anitha, Charles Mrs. Joyce Pereira and Mrs. Margaret Buch. Their conscientious missionary zeal and leadership qualities have made St. Michael's, what it is today. We had 100% pass in the Matriculation Board Exam and 99.2% results in the H.C. Secondary Board Exams.

Mrs. Margret Buch requested to be relieved from her active participation from school at the close of the last Academic Year. She was accorded a very grand farewell. Her 25 years of uninterrupted and untiring service to the school has been faithfully recorded in the annals of the Educational Society of the Patrician Brothers.

With the kind permission of all the parents of St. Michael's I thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff for they have built St. Michael's, a family bonded in love and generosity. Their spirit and enthusiasm shall prevail upon all youth to come. Thank You.



Peace is.....

A child secure

A woman content

A man filled with hope

A family at prayer

A neighbourhood that is friendly

A society that is classless


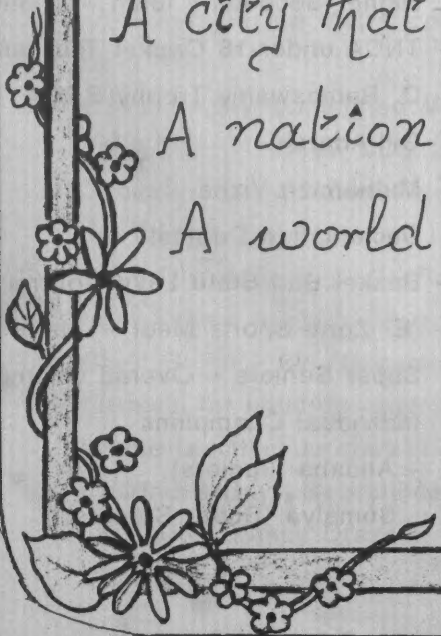
A village that is calm

A city that is industrious

A nation that is united

A world that is armed.....

with Goodwill.



DATE LINE

MAY

- 23rd - Results of class XII - 99.98%

JUNE

- 7th,8th - Seminar for the staff conducted by the Provincial Rev. Bro. Berchmans
- 9th - First staff meeting for the academic year '93-'94
- 10th - School reopens for classes I to XII
- 14th - School reopens for U.K.G.
- 21st - School reopens for L.K.G.
- 23rd - Orientation programme for parents of L.K.G. children
- 24th - School reopens for standard XI
- 25th - Election for Head Boy and Head Girl
- 26th - The XVI Rev. Bro. Mc. Evoy Memorial Junior State Ranking Open Tennis Tournament inaugurated by Padmashri K.J. Yesudas.
- 28th - Celebration of Principal's Feast.
- 29th - Principal's Feast - holiday.
- 30th - Elections held for Captains and Vice-Captains.

JULY

- 2nd - Investiture Ceremony
- 6th - Prize Distribution of Rev. Bro. Mc.Evoy Memorial Tennis Tournament. Chief Guest - Mr. A.J. D'Souza.

- 9th - Staff Farewell Party for Mrs. Buch.
- 22-24th - Inter house Culturals
- 25th - Annual General Body Meeting of the P.T.A.
- 28th - Prize Distribution for the Inter-House Culturals
Chief Guests - Mr. Ramki, Miss Shobana
- 30th - Leo Culturals
- 31st - Patrol Leaders' Training Camp for Scouts and Guides

AUGUST

- 6th - TNCA under-16 Cricket Tournament
- S.M.A. beat Jawahar Vidyalaya
- 14th - XVII Annual Sports Day
Chief Guest - Commodore Ravi Nair
- 16th - "E" Zone Interschool Tournaments.
- 19th - Basketball: High School team
- 20th - Runners-up
Higher Secondary team - Winners.
- 19th - TNCA under-16 Cricket Tournament
- C. Ramaswamy Trophy S.M.A. beat Gill Adarsh.
- 20th - Muthamizh Vizha
- 21st - Declamation Contest.
- 24th - Basket Ball State Level Tournament.
- 27th - "E" Zone Sports Meet - Juniors, Super Seniors - Overall Champions. Individual Champions
- Anusha (Juniors), Sumalya (Super Seniors)